

Remarks

The amendments to the claims

Obvious typographical errors have been corrected in claims 2, 3, 11, 13, and 16. The format of the Markush group in claim 6 has been corrected to correspond to U.S. practice.

Claim 8 has been amended to recite the method of claim 1. This amendment is supported *inter alia* on page 15 of the specification. Claim 11 has been amended to be dependent on claim 8. This amendment is supported *inter alia* at page 7, second paragraph, of the specification.

The amendments add no new matter.

The restriction requirement

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-7, directed to a process for making silicon containing titanium dioxide, with traverse. Claim 8 has been amended to recite that the thermally stable titanium dioxide is made by the method of claim 1. Claim 11 now recites the thermally stable titanium dioxide of claim 8. Thus, there is no longer any basis for restricting claims 1-7, 8-10, or 1-16.

Respectfully submitted,

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